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MRS. JOHN N. MACKALL

It is with deep regret that we record this week the passing of Mrs. Florence Turner Mackall, wife of Mr. John N. Mackall, a member of the Board of Directors of this newspaper.

A devoted wife and mother, her sudden death leaves beside her family, a wide circle of friends to mourn her loss. The Directors and employes of the STAR join with these in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

THE GOVERNOR CHOOSES WISELY

The announcement that the Hon. John A. Robinson, of Bel Air, has been selected for appointment to the Bench in the Third Judicial Circuit by Governor Nice, is most pleasing to his friends, not only in Harford and Baltimore counties which constitute the Third Judicial Circuit, but throughout the entire State.

A man of high intellectual attainment, Mr. Robinson is not only well read in law, but a wide experience gathered along the pathway of life in which he has been a scholar, soldier, lawyer and editor, combined with his gentlemanly qualities, stamp him as fully qualified to fill this most important post to which he has been called.

An acknowledged leader in the religious, civic and political life of his county, he has never, throughout his public career shown a disposition for the limelight—a willing worker and never shunning leadership when called upon by his fellow-countians, his wise and ready counsel has throughout the years been freely sought and as freely given. Although a staunch Republican, Mr. Robinson, through his brilliant editorials in his widely read newspaper, the Bel Air Times, has never hesitated to call his party to account when it was deemed necessary, and by the same medium he has never failed to voice his good common sense sentiments in behalf of his fellowman. Held in high esteem as a lawyer, a business man and a citizen, his call to the Bench assures the Third Judicial Circuit a continuation of the same wise judgment, justice and dignity, as set by his predecessors.

Likewise it might be said of the other two appointments, the Hon. William H. Lawrence and the Hon. Edwin Dickerson, who with Mr. Robinson will be elevated to the Bench in November. They too have enviable records and their attainments are well known throughout the State. Governor Nice has made most wise selections in filling the three vacancies and the wide and favorable comments attest the honor in which his appointees are held.

SCHOOL OPENS

Hundreds of students in Cecil county will return to school next week and it will be interesting to speculate upon the benefits to be derived from their studies. That the acquisition of an education equips an individual for greater service cannot be denied, but that education, in itself, will make a better citizen, is open to question.

The curriculums of the schools are receiving greater attention every year, whether the school be a local institution or a great university. Many thoughtful people have come to the conclusion that most of our schools do not pay enough attention to the life that the student will have to live when he gets out of school.

In a community where many children will not be able to go to college it behooves the local authorities to provide, as far as possible, for the future welfare of the scholar by equipping the boys and girls for the actual duties of life. This means helping them towards making a living.

We are naturally proud of our schools, and the current thought of the educational world that views curriculums with alarm is not aimed so much at the efficiency of the present school, carrying out present educational ideals, as it is at the ideals themselves. The question is whether these are the correct aims of the schools. And, there is a considerable body of opinion that holds there is a necessity for a broader training than is now the rule.

PROTECT THE CHILDREN

The Cecil County Health Department, through its director Dr. Clinton Kane, is again calling the attention of parents whose children will enter school next year to the importance of having all children vaccinated against smallpox and diphtheria. Fortunately, smallpox has been unknown in the county for some years, and, through vaccination, diphtheria is gradually being driven out. As every parent knows, there is a State law which requires a child to be vaccinated against smallpox before it can be received in any public school, and, since the inception of that law the disease has declined each year with but one case being reported in the entire State last year.

While protection against diphtheria is not required by law, it has been proven that immunization against this disease has also resulted in the gradual decrease in the number of cases reported. In 1935 there were 1,087 cases in the counties of Maryland, whereas in 1935 this number had been reduced to 307. Since the inauguration of the Cecil County Health Department, this county has had a leading part in lowering the State record. In 1934 the number of cases was ten; in 1935 the number was two, and in 1936 not a case of this dreaded disease has been reported.

With the safe means of protection against diphtheria in what is known as Toxoid, health authorities are seeing the results of immunization and with its continuation and the cooperation of parents, the State will soon have as clean a slate for diphtheria as it now has for smallpox. Parents who wish to safeguard their children against needless suffering—and possible death—should have no hesitancy in having them protected as early in life as possible.

NEW DEAL SAVES BANK DEPOSITORS

The friendly hand of Uncle Sam was stretched out last week to rescue thousands of bank depositors from the effects of two bank failures in eastern States. Had it not been for the protection afforded by the Roosevelt Administration, through passage of the bill providing insurance for bank deposits up to $5,000, every one of these depositors would have watched his life savings disappear when the banks went to the wall. Instead, they were paid off at the rate of 100 cents on the dollar within two weeks after the banks closed their doors.

The first failure was in the little town of East Hampton, in Connecticut. The local bank and trust company, with several thousand poor depositors, was the victim of dishonest officials and was obliged to close. It was one of the few bank failures in America since President Roosevelt took office. The little community was panic stricken at the disaster, but calmed down when agents of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation appeared and took charge of the bank's tangled affairs.

Two weeks later the agents announced their readiness to pay off. The first to have her claim honored was a six-year-old-girl, who only the week before the crash had intrusted her precious savings of twenty-five cents to the teller in charge of Christmas accounts. A joyful smile brightened the child's face as Uncle Sam's agent handed her a shining quarter. She quickly hid it in her little purse and romped out of the bank.

Then, all day long, lines of depositors pressed toward the paying teller's cage. They received the full amount of their savings.

The other bank collapse was in Newark, N. J. There the D'Auria Bank and Trust Company, in a crowded Italian neighborhood, crashed a few weeks ago. As in the Connecticut failure, most of the depositors were poor working people, who had placed all their meagre savings with the institution. After the bank was closed officers were arrested, charged with making false statements to the banking authorities. The wildest excitement prevailed in the Italian quarter of Newark. But the soothing influence of Uncle Sam was soon felt. Agents arrived and took charge. Last Thursday FDIC checks were ready and hundreds called to receive payments due them. Watching them, as they stood in line, was Simon Kesselman, formerly general secretary of the United Depositors' Committee of the Bank of United States, which went to the wall in Manhattan several years ago with staggering losses to more than 400,000 depositors. "If we only had had that Federal Insurance of deposits when the Bank of United States closed up!" he wailed.

Most of the depositors of the Newark bank probably had no clearer conception of the operation of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation than their fellow sufferers in Connecticut. They did not seem to know where the money to pay them was coming from. In fact, they did not appear to care. They only knew that they were getting every cent that was due them. With that they were content.

Actually, however, the money paid out will not be a dead loss to Uncle Sam. As the law operates, the Government takes as assignment of depositors' claims and collects as much as possible from the bank's assets to reimburse the Federal Treasury. In the meantime distress of depositors is relieved and confidence in other banks maintained. Thus bank panics, which frightened the whole country during the Hoover regime, are stopped before they start. If this were the only accomplishment of the Roosevelt Administration, it would be sufficient to constitute a valid claim upon the nation's gratitude.

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Dispelling The Fog

The Republican high command is having a difficult time these days in formulating its campaign propaganda.

Constant reiteration of the charges against President Roosevelt of usurpation, dictator ambitions, and hostility to the Constitution are palling, inasmuch as people do not care to hear and read the same thing, particularly when that same thing has been indorsed, in the not so distant past, by their own candidate, and his most important spokesmen.

Their own resourceful publicists—I refer particularly to those entertaining and consistent newspaper columnists, who assume an attitude of non-partisanship but never fail to assail the Democratic candidate, his party leaders, and all the rest of the Democratic organization—are floundering between a necessity for continuing the assault and a lack of ammunition.

Take my favorite commentator, Mr. Frank Kent; he sought relief by denouncing the duPont Liberty League as inefficient. There is not much news in that. The League was given untold amounts of money to play with, and started on its career to undermine President Roosevelt. At the same time it had to insist on its political neutrality. As the ultimate of the present campaign is the determination of whether the President shall succeed himself, or be succeded by Governor Landon of Kansas, the duPont outfit's position is about as convincing as a prohibition declaration by a gentleman in a state of staggering intoxication.

Mr. Kent finds no fault with the aims and desires of the League; indeed they are identical with his own. So he objects to their processes; to their failure to camouflage the fact that they were an organization of multi-millionaires and their satelites, and so brought down upon themselves the disesteem of people who do not think that Government should be bought and paid for to meet the purposes of a class that has always profited by privilege. He evidently does not think they were as good as himself in masking their hospitality to one party and one candidate while proclaiming the complete disinterestedness and absence of partisanship.

Discussion Of Qualifications Would Be Timely

There may be a question of ineptness as between the duPonteers and the columnist, but that circumstance is hardly more important, either in the campaign or out of it, than the views, for example, of Mr. Mark Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan generally sticks to the safe ground of assertion that if Governor Landon carries enough states, and if Candidate Lemke carries a few more, the result is likely to be the defeat of Franklin D. Roosevelt. This is just as convincing and indisputable as would be the assertion that if any one of the candidates carries every state in the union his vote will be unanimous in the Electoral College.

It would be more interesting if not only the G. O. P. trumpeters, but the Republican chiefs themselves, told us something about the views and qualifications of their candidate, as that gentleman himself abstains from doing. We have been advised that he is a plain man, with a happy home life, who balanced the budget of his state—as every one of his modern predecessors and various of his neighboring Governors have done, for the simple reason that under the constitution of those States no Governor has the power to do otherwise. We know that up to the period when his nomination for the Presidency became mooted he agreed with and applauded the course of President Roosevelt. We know that when he was campaigning for the Governorship he said not a word of criticism of the Chief Executive of the nation but announced in nearly every speech that he was a 33d degree New Dealer. But now what are we permited to know of his ideas—if any—of the great national and international questions that a President has to face?

True his advocates, from the impressive, if not always reliable, Chairman John Hamilton, down to the equally vocal Col. Knox, assures us that he would do the things President Roosevelt has done, better and cheaper, but none of them will say how their candidate would go about doing this service for effacacy and economy. We know that he thinks NOW that the farm policy of the administration is wrong but he would do for the farmer the very things that are being done for the farmer under the present administration.

Platform Planks Twisted To Splinters

We are aware that he altered the money plank of the Republican platform, in a manner more acceptable to the Liberty Leaguers, and we know that Chairman Hamilton—in the silver country, not in the wicked East—changed it again. Likewise we are cognizant of the fact that the candidate explained that his labor declaration in his acceptance speech did not mean exactly what it said—after he had heard Labor's reaction to the acceptance declaration. But after all these things do not throw much light on what Governor Landon has in mind as Presidential policies.

There are minor instances of embarrassment in the campaign as well. For example we have the Republican Senatorial and Congressional candidates in Maine telling the people of that State that the only way to get the Quoddy project carried out is to elect the Republican ticket, and we have the Republican candidates, orators, columnists and editors elsewhere telling the rest of the country that Quoddy is a fantastic nightmare conceived by a Brain Trust, that is devoted to thinking up impractical and impossible things.

Incidentally, this is the first time that the United States Army Engineers, who passed on the plan of harnessing the tides, have been accused of wild dreaming.

Oh well, the election in Maine will be over next month and the expediency of this incongruity in party declarations will have passed.

Quite on the side is the G. O. P. jubilation when a former Democrat, who always has opposed the Roosevelt administration, makes a new manifestation of his sentiments. This little group is kept marching across the stage on every occasion. I note, by the way, that Brookhart has come out for Roosevelt. Then there is Norris and a dozen other Republicans of equal consequence in the Roosevelt ranks.

I doubt if there ever was an electon when each side did not joyfully harbor deserters from the other side. It is estimated that two or three million Republicans voted for Roosevelt in 1932 and Democratic headquarters' reports show that most if not all of them are still with us.

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Few have been the radio appearances of Barbara Stanwyck whose rare emotional acting lifted her to the pinnacle of Hollywood fame. Her performance in "Main Street" on the Radio Theatre was the most recent, the first since her ex-husband, Frank Fay, made his comeback via radio. Perhaps the most interested listener in the land that night was the same Frank Fay, sitting quietly alone in a Manhattan hotel room as "Main Street" came over the loudspeaker. It was Fay who made Barbara Stanwyck "Hollywood-wise," working with her during those early film days.

Barbara Stanwyck

*** No more universal sorrow has fallen on Radio Row than that caused by the sudden death in Holly wood of Mrs. Bob Burns. They had been married fifteen years, and fourteen of these were spent in a hand-to-hand struggle to keep the wolf from the door. She was a gallant fighter who stuck to Bob through the lean years. The tragedy is heightened because the same week Bob's new picture opened in New York with his performance acclaimed by all the critics and the biggest chance of all, the chance to pinch-hit for Bing Crosby as master of ceremonies of the Thursday night Music Hall, was right ahead of him.

*** Rudy Vallee's Maine lodge is a busy place these days. Even if Rudy himself can't get away some of the boys in the band generally get up between broadcasts. The whole Vallee musical company went up together not long ago on their annual outing. Other fiddlers, saxophonists and oboeists look on sadly from the Radio City corridors as the Vallee bunch piles happily out of the studios for one of those trips.

Rudy Vallee

*** Radio engineers had to develop an entirely new kind of microphone for the Good Will Court. the human interest show which will succeed Major Bowes. A. L. Alexander, conductor of the program, tried it with the standard types, found that the inexperienced broadcasters couldn't be heard very well, then handed the problem to the laboratory boys. They came back with a mike which looks like a cantaloupe and does the trick.

*** Morton Bowe, handsome tenor heard with Tim Ryan and Irene Noblette, is so much in demand for personal appearances and movie shorts, in addition to his broadcasting, that he'll probably have to omit his intended two weeks' camping trip to the Maine woods.

*** Credit Raymond Paige, the "Hollywood Hotel" musical director, with the original idea of having movie stars appear on radio shows. He inaugurated the practise on his old "California Melodies" programs. On a forthcoming program of his present series, Paige will introduce an impressionistic musical review of the film city.

Raymond Paige

*** Igor Gorin is considering making occasional concert appearances between his broadcasts and movies. The baritone's fan mail took a tremendous jump follow .g his recent concert debut at the Hollywood Bowl where he sang to a cheering audience of more than 30,000.

***Ultimate goal of most young actresses who gained fame in light romantic roles is to play Shakespeake. But Joan Marsh, versatile film-radio star, made her stage debut at the age of 12—in "As You Like It!"

*** When Phil Regan leaves for his next Hollywood film this fall, he will turn the tables on the professional camera grinders. The tenor will take along his valuable cameras to do his own celebrity-snapping.

*** Johnny the Call Boy, whose real name is Johnny Roventini, is the master of ceremonies on that Tuesday night NBC program which features Leo Reisman's music and Charles Martin's "Three - Minute Thrills." He has a life contract and is probably the only performer in radio who has. Johnny is 43 inches tall and is known as the "biggest little man in radio."

Johnny Roventini

*** Most versatile of the actresses in radio is Jean Sothern, one-time child actress, who plays the 16-year-old chum in "Pepper Young's Family." She does Dutch, Irish, French, Southern, "tough" and comedy parts in addition to playing "sweet sixteen."

Maryland Musings

Results of a survey made recently to determine Hessian fly conditions in Maryland show that average infestation for the State, and particularly for the Western Shore, are gradually creeping up, according to Ernest N. Cory, State Entomologist. He advises wheat growers to observe the safe planting date for their county, which may be obtained from their county agent, if not already known.

The percentage of infestation for the State as a whole, as shown by the survey, is 4.1 per cent. For Western Maryland it is 5.4 per cent, and for the Eastern Shore, it is 2.0 per cent.

The Maryland truck crop report of August 1 says that the indicated cantaloupe yield is 100 crates to the acre, compared with 115 crates last year; 550 watermelons per acre, compared with 500 last year; 140 bushels of tomatoes per acre, compared with 150 bushels last year; and 70 bushels of snap beans per acre, compared with 75 bushels last year.

A comparison of 1935 with 1933 shows that the farmer received $92 of the $264 spent in 1933 as compared with $138 of the $331 spent by the average city working-man's family in 1935, according to the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Maryland's farm population increased 4,140, or 1.7 per cent, between April 1, 1930, and January 1, 1935, according to the Federal Farm Census. The number of persons living on farms increased over 1,000 in each of the counties of Allegany, Baltimore, Dorchester, and Wicomico. Out of the 23 counties in the State, 8 had a smaller farm population than in 1930.

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